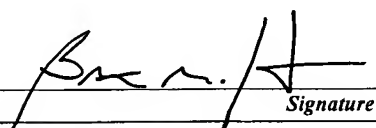
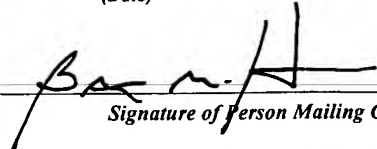


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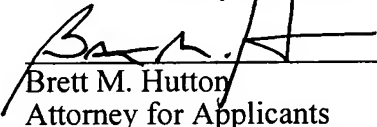


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the FINAL Office Action mailed on December 14, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. A two-month Response to the Office Action is initially due on or before February 14, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed.